



# Holiday Inn Express Newport News

"Centrally located whether traveling for business or pleasure we are minutes away from Ft. Eustis, many Newport News attractions and Busch Gardens. All guest rooms offer micro/refrigerator, complimentary breakfast and wireless internet. An outdoor pool and state of the art weight room is located on premises.

We decided to join Virginia Green because we want to do our part for preserving and protecting the environment."

# **GREEN ACTIVITIES**

- **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:
  - Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
  - Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
  - Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
  - Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper, office paper
  - Have recycling bins located: on each guest floor by elevator, and by entry way and in parking lot
  - Also recycle office paper, cardboard

#### Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

# Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

# Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

#### Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:
  - Track overall water usage and wastewater

#### Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
  - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:
  - Track overall energy bills

# Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

#### Lighting

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms

For more information on the Holiday Inn Express Newport News, see <a href="https://www.Hiexpress.com/newportnewsva">www.Hiexpress.com/newportnewsva</a> or contact Cathy Clark at clark925@aol.com or 757-887-3300.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on *Virginia Green* program, see www.deg.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen or www.virginiagreentravel.org.





